MAIN FACTS SHEET

INTRO

**** STANDING ON ANCIENT ROMAN PAVING HERE, SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL AS UNEVEN PLUS RAINWATER CAN COLLECT SO WATCH FOR PUDDLES***

*** STEAMING MARSH**
*** BATH IN A NATURAL BOWL / VALLEY / EARLY HUMANS SEE MYSTERIOUS SITE**
*** 10,000 YEARS AGO RAINFALL ON MENDIP HILLS / VERY OLD WATER**
*** SACRED WATER SITES: WATERFALLS, SPRINGS AND RIVERS, ROMANS ALSO SHARED BELIEF IN DIVINE NATURE AND GODS/GODDESSES OF SRPINGS AND RIVERS.**
*** 2.5KM UNDERGROUND / GAINS TEMPERATURE**
*** VERY OLD WATER RISES THROUGH FAULTS AND FISSURES IN LIMESTONE**
*** 40oC RISING TO 46oC (115oF)**
*** 1.3 MILLION LITRES OF WATER IN 1 DAY. IT WOULD FILL YOUR BATH IN 8 SECS.**
*** REACHES THE GREAT BATH - 36oC / ROUGHLY BODY TEMP (36/37), (97oF)**
*** AD 43 ROMAN CONQUEST OF BRITAIN UNDER CLAUDIUS**
*** GENERAL VESPASIAN, SEIZED CONTROL OF 20 TOWNS OR HILLFORTS**
*** AD 43 VESPASIAN SIGNIFICANT VICTORY AT MEDWAY RIVER**
*** VESPASIAN MASTER OF ARTILLERY (STONE CATAPULTS)**
*** AD 60-61 BOUDICCIAN REVOLT / QUEEN BOUDICA / IN NORFOLK/EAST, 1C AD**
*** BURNT LONDINIUM (LONDON) TO THE GROUND**
*** MILITARY DISCOVERED SPRING MARCHING SOUTH ON FOSSE WAY**
*** LEG II (SECOND LEGION) SEA GOAT IS THEIR SYMBOL**
*** FOSSE WAY BETWEEN EXETER (SW) AND LINCOLN (NE) OF ENGLAND**
*** AD 69-79 VESPASIAN (60, SON OF TAX COLLECTOR, COLISSEUM ROME)**
*** VES VII EARLIEST BUILDING INSCRIPTION, 7TH YEAR OF POWER, AD 76**
*** SULIS-MINERVA MERGING OF GODDESSES, ONE CELTIC, ONE ROMAN**
*** 1ST THING ROMANS BUILD RESERVOIR TO CONTAIN SPRING**
*** WOODEN OAK PLANKS, STONE WALLS, WATER CANALS FLOW BY GRAVITY**
*** GREAT AQUEDUCTS IN ROME ALSO WORK BY GRAVITY**
*** GRAVITY FLOW OF WATER DOWN TO FEED BATHS**
*** ROOF FIRST MADE OF TIMBER /\ THEN c BARREL SHAPED BRICK**
*** STRONGER JURASSIC LIMESTONE / COOMBE DOWN NR BATH ROMANS MINED**
*** AQUAE SULIS- WALLED TOWN OF 23 ACRES, 400 YEARS TOWN PROSPERED**
*** AD 410 ROMANS WITHDREW FROM BRITAIN TO DEFEND BARBARIAN ATTACKS**
*** INHABITANTS FAILED TO MAINTAIN SPA COMPLEX**
*** RIVER AVON SILTED UP, BATHS FELL INTO DECAY, DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW**

EAST BATHS

*** NATATIO - 2ND CENTURY SEPARATION OF SEXES MALE AND FEMALE**
*** APODYTERIUM/CHANGING ROOMS/ APO TO REMOVE, DY SHORT FOR CLOTHES**
*** *STYLUS*** TO WRITE CURSES
*** 138 CURSE TABLETS (PETWER + LEAD) FOUND IN SPRING. FLAT OR ROLLED UP**
*** CURSE OF STOLEN CLOAK**
*** TEPIDARIUM - TREATMENT ROOM OR WARM ROOM**
*** *FLASK* PURCHASE SCENTED OLIVE OIL. ROMANS DIDN'T HAVE SOAP**
*** *STRIGRAL* SCRAPE OIL, SWEAT AND DIRT OFF BODY / RAZOR FOR HAIR REM.**
*** *GLOIOS (FLASK)* SCRAPED MATERIAL BELIEVED TO BE MEDICINAL**
*** CALDARIUM -HOTTER, WEAR SANDLES BECAUSE OF HOT FLOOR**
*** STACKS OF STONES *PILAE*, HEAT CIRCULATES**
*** *HYPOCAUST* SYSTEM/UNDERFLOOR HEATING *CONT.***
*** BALNEUM - ROUND BATH, FIRST THEORY WAS A JACUZZI. PIPE CARRIES COLD**